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Remarks:

The amendments and remarks presented herein are believed to be fully responsive to the Office Action dated June 8, 2007. Claims 103-124, 126-128 and 130-147 are pending in the application. Claims 103-105, 108-110, 115, 116, 118, 126, 127, 130-138, 140-142, 146 and 147 have been amended. The amendments are fully supported in the specification and drawings as originally filed. No new matter has been added.

ALLOWED CLAIMS

Claims 127 and 128 are allowed. Applicants have amended allowed independent claim 127 because the term "the windshield" did not have antecedent basis.

CLAIM REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Claims 103-105, 107-120, 125, 126, 129 and 135-146 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Bechtel et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,451,822 ("Bechtel '822"), in view of Noack, U.S. Patent No. 4,355,271 ("Noack"), and in view of Vachss, U.S. Patent No. 5,313,072 ("Vachss"). Claim 106 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over the Bechtel '822, Noack and Vachss combination, in further view of Bendicks et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,498,866. Claims 121-124 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over the Bechtel '822, Noack and Vachss combination, in further view of Shiraishi, U.S. Patent No. 4,881,019. Claim 130 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over the Bechtel '822, Noack and Vachss combination, in further view of Kobayashi et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,426,294. Claim 131 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over the Bechtel '822, Noack and Vachss combination, in further view of Kiyomoto et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,844,682. Claim 132 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over the Bechtel '822, Noack and Vachss combination, in further view of Levers, U.S. Patent No. 5,276,389. Claim 133 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being

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unpatentable over the Bechtel '822, Noack and Vachss combination, in further view of Teder, U.S. Patent No. 5,568,027. Independent claim 147 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Bechtel '822, in view of Vachss, and in further view of Stam et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,837,994 ("Stam '994").

Applicants respectfully traverse the rejections under §103(a). However, in order to expedite prosecution and allowance of the claims, and without acquiescing in the rejection in any way, Applicants have amended independent claims 103, 134 and 147, so that these claims are now dependent on allowed independent claim 127. This amendment is made without prejudice so that the subject matter of these claims may be pursued in a continuation application in the future. Applicants have also amended claims 104, 105, 108-110, 115, 116, 118, 126, 130-133, 135-138, 140-142 and 146 to be dependent on the allowed claim 127, such that claims 103-124, 126-128 and 130-147 are now in condition for allowance.

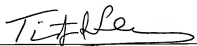
Claims 103-124, 126-128 and 130-147 are pending in the application. Applicants respectfully submit that claims 103-124, 126-128 and 130-147 are in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is earnestly and respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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